Obituaries

F. Melvin Byers Sr.

F. Melvin Byers Sr., 60, of Route 1, Big Island, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening near Big Island.

He was born in Nelson County, a son of Mrs. Cora Grant Byers Fitzgerald of Lynchburg, who survives, and the late Frank Byers. He was a retired machinist with the Owens-Illinois paper mill and a member of Hunting Creek Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Dorothy Wilson Byers; three sons, Frank M. Byers Jr., Randy L. Byers and Ronnie D. Byers, all of Big Island; four daughters, Betty B. Blanks of Spout Spring, Phyllis B. Martin of Madison Heights, Rita B. Baity of Goode and Bonnie B. Childress of Lynchburg; a brother, John D. Byers of Forest; two half-brothers, Kenneth E. Fitzgerald of Bedford and E. Odell Fitzgerald of Big Island; a half-sister, Mrs. Lucille Humphreys of Big Island, and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. today at Hunting Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Vernon T. Lewis officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Carder Funeral Home, Bedford was in charge of arrangements.

Mack H. Conway Sr.

Mack Howard Conway, Sr., 78, Route 1, Spout Spring, died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at his home after a long illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 8, 1902, he was a son of the late Edward and Emma Conway. He was a retired teacher of the Youth Development Center, Milledgeville, Ga., and a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Dodd Conway; two sons by his first marriage, Mack Conway Jr., Newport News, and James Conway, Richmond; eight grandchildren, a great-grandchild and two nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by Dr. Willie Davis, with interment in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Alfred L. Krantz

Gertie Rosser Krantz, 80, of 2091 Hughes Ave., died at 1:15 a.m. Monday in Virginia Baptist Hospital. She was the wife of the late Alfred Lloyd Krantz.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Bertha Thompson Rosser. She was a member of New Chapel Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Russell A. Krantz and Alfred L. Krantz Jr., both of Lynchburg, and Lewis W. Krantz of Richmond; one daughter, Mrs. Rennie (Mary) Tomlin Jr. of Lynchburg; three brothers, Jack Rosser, Billy Rosser and Arthur Rosser, all of Rustburg; four sisters, Vivian R. Cyrus of Lynchburg, Kitty R. Roach of Phenix, Eddie R. Russell of Petersburg and Allie R. Steele of Rustburg; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mrs. Inez (Mikey) Garbee.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Revs. J. D. Reynolds, Carlton Lyons and Dr. Willie Davis. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Alice Cawthorn Simpkins

Alice Cawthorn Simpkins, 85, of Appomattox, died at 9 p.m. Saturday in Medical Care Center. Her husband was the late Richard C. Simpkins.

Born in Prince Edward County, she was a daughter of the late J. W. Cawthorn and Lizzie Morris Cawthorn. She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edith S. Byset of Vienna; three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Caldwell, Mrs. Nell Thrasher, and Mrs. Clara Hanenkrat, all of Appomattox; two granddaughters; and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 24 at Robinson Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Burial Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

Leonard Meredith Thornhill

Leonard Meredith Thornhill of Richmond, Va., died Aug. 22, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Harris Thornhill, three sons, David L., James A. and Raymond H.; three daughters, Margaret T. Kelley, Sallie T. Jewell, and June T. Murphy; one sister, Mrs. Pearl T. Harris; eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m., with the Joseph W. Bliley Funeral Home of Richmond in charge.

Interment was in Dale Memorial Park.

Lighthouse Trio to perform

The Lighthouse Trio from Lynchburg will perform gospel music at Evergreen Baptist Church this Sunday, Aug. 30, beginning at 7 p.m.

The performance is open to the general public and visitors are invited to attend.

Jordan News

Mrs. Hollans will be celebrating her anniversary at the Jordan Baptist Church Sunday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Young Adult Choir will be selling at the Oakville School on Sept. 12 beginning at 8 a.m. This will be in cooperation with the Oakville Ruritans Flea Market. Come out on that day and eat with us and pick up on some bargains at the same time.

SHERRY GAYLE FLOYD and her great-uncle, Dick Martin of Appomattox, pose with an enormous cantaloupe which appeared on a "volunteer vine" (one which Martin did not plant) in Dick's garden recently. The fruit is so large that some speculate it may have been the result of a cross pollination between a watermelon and a cantaloupe. However, Martin says he has never planted either in his garden.

Menus

Elementary school

Mon., Aug. 31 - Hot dog on bun, cole slaw, potato tarts, sliced peaches, milk.

Tues., Sept. 1 - Tuna salad on lettuce leaf, sliced bread, lima beans, buttered carrots, pineapple cubes, milk.

Wed., Sept. 2 - Pork barbecue on bun, green beans, whipped potatoes, applesauce, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 3 - Sausage patties, hot rolls, buttered green peas, macaroni salad, fruit juice, milk.

Fri., Sept. 4 - Tasty chicken drumsticks, mixed greens, hot rolls, creamed poatoes, fruit cocktail, milk.

Primary school

Mon., Aug. 31 - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, carrot & cabbage slaw, milk.

Tues., Sept. 1 - Chicken salad, apple sauce, lima beans, roll, butter, milk.

Wed., Sept. 2 - Bologna sandwich, French fries, green peas, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 3 - Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, tomato and lettuce salad, milk.

Fri., Sept. 4 - French fries, American fries, string beans, roll, butter, milk.

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Cancer Society Goal attained

The Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society has met its goal for the 1981 crusade, according to an announcement from Mrs. Janet Noble, crusade chairman.

The Fair Share Goal for the county for 1981 was set at $7,000 and contributions now total $7,019.69.

A total of $2,312.13 was contributed in the door-to-door canvass of the county. Business donations totaled $763, memorial contributions were $951. $845.36 was made on the Frank C. Chuchek Memorial Skate-A-Thon, and a softball tournament netted $885.06.

The W.T.T.X. Radio Thon raised a total of $461.59, a Swim-In brought in $50 and $24 came from a coffee hour. Clubs and organizations donated a total of $570.55 and the sale of cookbooks brought in $169.

AES sets new plan

Beginning with the first day of school, August 31, Appomattox Elementary School will implement a new plan for the collection of lunch money. Each Monday morning at 8:30 a.m., those students who wish to purchase reduced or full price lunch tickets for the week may do so in the cafeteria where they will receive a lunch ticket for the entire week. A student who pays full price (.70) for each lunch would bring $3.50 on Monday morning and a student who pays a reduced price (.40) would bring $2.00. Any student who wishes to purchase a full priced lunch on a daily basis may do so during his lunch period. We encourage parents and students to purchase lunch tickets on a weekly basis. Teachers will collect trickets to prevent loss.

This system is similar to those in operation at Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School.

O'Brien family reunion success

The descendants of Francis Kirkpatrick O'Brien and his wife, Judith Ann Forbes O'Brien, held their first family reunion in the Fellowship Hall of New Hope Baptist Church, on Sunday, August 16, 1981.

Around 200 relatives and guests enjoyed a picnic dinner. Those coming from a distance included kin from Baton Rouge, Baltimore, Memphis, Staten Island and other localities.

J. Allen Gills of Lynchburg, assisted by Davis O'Brien of Spout Spring, was master of ceremonies. After greeting the guests, he introduced the Rev. Bob Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, who pronounced the blessing.

A vote was taken to hold this reunion annually in the month of October in Appomattox.

The Rev. Allie Frazier, of Richmond, pronounced the benediction.

Oakville news

Mrs. Samuel Inge, Mrs. Alice Martin and granddaughter, Mary Beth, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds and Mrs. Floyd Coleman were luncheon guest, Tuesday of Mrs. Garland Burcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Jordan and Katherine visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher Sunday.

Mrs. Garland Burcher visited Mrs. Dale Wells Thursday p.m. Mrs. Wells had the misfortune to get both of her hands and arms burned.

Miss Jackie Cobbs, Mrs. T. S. Drinkard, Mark, Scott, Jeff and Lee Drinkard vacationed at Myrtle Beach last week.

Mr. T. S. Drinkard went to Chicago, Ill., last week on business.

Mrs. Alise Drinkard took the grandchildren to Lakeside, (Roanoke) last Thursday. Those who went on the fun trip were: Teresa Berger, Mary Beth Drinkard, Mark Drinkard, Scott Drinkard, Jeff Drinkard, Lee Drinkard and David Irby.

County Line News

'Selling your case'

Develop credit sources

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Developing credit sources in a period of inflation, high interest rates, sky rocketing land value and accelerating input costs is essential. Often times this means that the farmer requiring capital must "sell his case."

Following are some suggestions that will help make "the sale":

1. **Have a good set of records**–An individual who is seeking financial assistance must be prepared to show on paper where he stands. An accurate, complete and properly organized set of statements such as net worth, operating results, and cash flows are essential. Such statements developed annually show financial progress, profitability and how much cash is available to make debt payments and to provide for family living expenses.

2. **Know how to use your records**–Good records are important but knowing how to use records is more important. Farmers should know how profitable the business is, where his profits are coming from and how much he has left over to make payments, meet family living expenses and to provide for new investments. From their records, farmers should know when sales are expected, when expenses are scheduled, when payments come due, and be able to explain this to the lender. Through this information and with its proper use, the borrower and lender can circumvent credit problems.

3. **Be an above average manager**–In today's agriculture only above average managers are able to generate the cash flow needed to borrow large amounts of capital. Management success can be measured in the production of livestock, livestock products, crops and general resources i.e., land, labor and capital. Many lenders use standard guidelines which they measure the farmers' overall management ability. It is important to know these guidelines and attempt to measure up to them.

4. **Have a plan or goal and follow it**–Many farmers "don't plan to fail;" "they just fail to plan." Do not wait until the last minute to request a loan. Plan ahead and prepare budgets, including projected income expenses, investment cost and be prepared to discuss it with your lender. Show the lender how your request fits into your overall goals and objectives and discuss these before you make your decision.

5. **Share your farm experiences**–Get the lender out to see your farming operation. Through this farm visit the lender can gain a better appreciation of your goals, objectives, strengths and limitations of your business and the resources available. Discuss plans that may lead to credit needs in the future. Above all, educate your lender regarding the on-the-farm aspects which change so rapidly.

6. **Keep your debt consolidated**–Agricultural lenders frown upon borrowers who have credit in numerous places. Frequently past due accounts with Agrisupply firms lead to suspicion regarding the farmer's repayment and overall financial management ability. With numerous sources of credit, it is sometimes difficult to coordinate debt payments with incomes which can be disasterous to both the farmer and lender involved. If problems should arise, it is more difficult for a borrower to keep numerous lenders informed of problems and possible solutions.

7. **Discuss problems with lenders**–Frequently problems and unfavorable trends such as weather, prices, cost and investment escalations place difficulty on the borrower in meeting debt commitments. If a farmer is having problems meeting scheduled payments, it is essential that open discussion between the creditors and the borrowers develop immediately. Only through open and honest communications can adjustments be made in working out a solution.

8. **Share credit decisions with your family or partner**–It is very important that your wife, partner and family members be involved with credit decisions. Frequently their decisions have an influence on family standard of living and life style. Through open communications and cooperation a lender can get a better idea how the loan request not only fits into the farmer's goals, but family goals as well.

9. **Be willing to sacrifice**–Today's farming is unique because it represents large investments with small cash incomes. Inflation has created peaks and valleys in net cash farm income. Similar trends in the 1980's can be expected and it will challenge farmers to meet these wide fluctuations in prices and costs. Farmers must be able to meet these trends and build up cash reserves in the favorable years to assist in unfavorable years. Farmers must live modestly and keep personal consumption and farm capital expenditures within reasonable amounts even in favorable years.

10. Have a good reputation–Finally, make every effort to maintain the reputation of being honest and dependable. This is important for a young borrower who has limited experience and past records.

Happiness is 4-H

Twelve 4-H'ers completed model rockets last week during a rocket building workshop. Several of the 4-H'ers launched their rockets last Friday while others launched on Tuesday morning of this week. Model rocket building can be an exciting hobby for many young people.

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The Appomattox 4-H Forestry Judging Team composed of Dale Glover, Richard Conner, Glen McClenny and Blair Smith represented Virginia in the National Invitational Contest and received top honors in the program. The Virginia team received special recognition plaques for their accomplishments. The program was held at the Jacksons Mill State 4-H Camp in West Virginia. Teams from West Virginia, Texas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York also participated in the contest.

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A Hunter Safety Course will be offered to sixth and seventh grade 4-H'ers this fall. The course will include six hours of basic instruction, a hunter safety test, and time on the rifle range. 4-H'ers taking the course and passing the exam will receive the Virginia Safety Hunter Certificate. The course will begin September 29 and run for three evening sessions consisting of two hours each. A morning on the rifle range at Holiday Lake 4-H Center will be held on Saturday, October 3.

Sixth and seventh grade 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to sign-up at their September meetings or may call the Extension Office at 352-8244 for advanced sign-up.

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Five County Fair time is just around the corner and 4-H members are encouraged to participate by entering one or more exhibits in the Fair. The Fair catalog lists many items for young people to enter from crafts to vegetables to clothing to animals.

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Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who took part in the 4-H Fashion Show last week. Top winners were: Cheryl Wooten, P. D. Myrick, Valerie Guill and Wendy McClenny.

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Good News for Homemakers

Two very versatile foods

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Eggplant and Okra Freeze Well

During the last few days many calls have been received about freezing eggplant and okra. Old canning and freezing books do not have information that is up-to-date. Some do not have any at all about handling these two vegetables.

Please clip and save the following information. You may wish to tape it in your canning and freezing book.

Eggplant Harvest before seeds become mature and when color is uniformly dark. Wash, peel, and slice ½ inch thick. Prepare quickly; just enough eggplant for one blanching at a time. Blanch 4 minutes in one gallon boiling water containing 4½ teaspoons citric acid or 2 cup lemon juice. Cool, drain, and package the same as beans or peas.

For frying: Pack the drained sliced with freezer wrap between slices or freeze on a cookie sheet before packaging. Seal, label and freeze.

Okra - Select young tender pods. Wash and separate into two sizes; 4 inches or under, and larger. Remove stems at the end of the seed cells. Blanch the small pods 3 minutes, cool, drain, and packages the same as beans or peas. Blanch the larger pods 5 minutes. Cool and cut into 1-inch lengths and package the same as, the smaller pods.

For frying: Freeze the cut pieces on a cookie sheet before packaging. Seal, label and freeze as usual.

Hopefully, the above information will be helpful to you as the gardens continue to produce a bountiful supply of vegetbles.

Should you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or write P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Dates to mark on your calendar: **September 2, 1981** - 1 p.m. - Training Session on Pillow-Making. **September 14-19, 1981** 5-County Fair, Farmville, Va.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Surprise Cookies

1 Box (6½ oz.) Buttermilk Biscuit Mix
1 Box (2½ oz.) Instant Potato Flakes
1 Cup Sugar
1 Stick Butter or Margarine
1 Egg
1 Teaspoon Coconut Flavoring

Put all ingredients in mixing bowl and mix together thoroughly. A very dry mixture, so handle by hand.

Make balls the size of walnuts and place on cookie sheet. Bake in a 350° oven for 10 minutes. Let cool before removing from cookie sheet. Makes 3-4 dozen cookies, depending on size.

*Thin cookie tastes surprisingly like a macaroon cookie.

Thanks to Mrs. Letha Mayfield for sharing this good recipe. Mrs. Mayfield is Extension Agent in Buckingham County.

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Chestnut Grove

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Janie Howe of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris and boys spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Crews at Portsmouth and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Taylor at Suffolk.

Several from this community attended the O'Brien reunion at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday. There were over 200 family connections who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and family spent Monday at Kings Dominion.

Mrs. Frances Hill and Greg spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Lucy Beachy and Miss Annie Phaup of Forest were Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr.

The regular W.M.S. meeting was held Friday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walden of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Russell Smith of Williamsburg was a weekend visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass and Mrs. Gil Price and boys were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Janie Repass of Blackstone.

Floyd and Billy Pope of Nottoway were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger.

Mrs. Bill Senger entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday for further examination.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris were Mrs. Louie Foster of Farmville and Donald Foster of Saxis.

Charles Morris celebrated his birthday Sunday with homemade ice cream and cake at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster, Amy and Jason; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris and Neal; Nancy Whitaker and Reedy Miller.

Mrs. T. N. Saul spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, Jr. of Appomattox.

Saturday night visitors of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring were Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr., Kathy and Kemper III.

Paid Political Advertisement

Mr. Miller's Double Life

(Reprint from THE DAILY PROGRESS, Charlottesville, Virginia, Friday, August 7, 1981.)

It seems Sen. Nathan H. Miller, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, has been leading two lives. By day, he represented the people of the Shenandoah Valley in the state Senate, often drafting and supporting bills that assured the state's electrical co-ops of sizeable tax breaks and business advantages. By night, he accepted a quarter of a million dollars in fees from those same electrical co-ops as the lawyer for two organizations that lobby for the industry.

Furthermore, Mr. Miller has admitted that he sometimes openly lobbied in the Legislature for bills that were favorable to his clients and that he voted for bills in committee and on the Senate floor without telling anybody that he had written them.

These facts have been jacking up eyebrows all over the state since they were revealed on Wednesday by *The Washington Post*.

While there is nothing in the law to prevent Virginia's citizen legislators from backing bills in which they have a personal stake, the rules of the Senate do bar members from voting on matters in which they have an "immediate, private or personal interest."

Naturally, if Sen. Miller is to be lieutenant governor, the people of the Commonwealth must be satisfied that he is not the sort of person who is willing to sell his law-making powers to the highest bidder.

Mr. Miller's involvement with the electric co-ops is ironic considering that he was elected to the Senate six years ago after self-righteously accusing his opponent Sen. George S. Aldhizer of Harrisonburg, of a conflict of interest for accepting a $100-a-month retainer from Virginia Electric and Power Co. while voting on utility legislation.

Mr. Aldhizer, with just a taste of sweet revenge, said Thursday that "Sometimes your chickens come home to roost." He might have added that, when they do, it would be prudent of them to search the henhouse for foxes before they enter. Politics being what it is, there is nothing Democrats would like more than to paint Mr. Miller with his own tar brush.

Because such cases are not clearly spelled out in the law, it is an arguable point whether situations such as these are legitimate business deals or regrettable errors in judgment or downright dishonesty.

Joe Loyacono, Mr. Miller's campaign manager in Charlottesville, says the comparision of the Miller and Aldhizer cases is unfair because Vepco is a private corporation and the co-ops are consumer-owned, non-profit corporations. That argument seems a bit thin to us. Both men operate their practices of the law as profit-making ventures. Mr. Miller's just happend to be several times *more* profitable than Mr. Aldhizer's.

It is a pity that the remainder of the race for lieutenant governor will likely center around this incident, at the expense of issues more closely related to the interests of the people of Virginia.

(The following is a reprint from THE LYNCHBURG NEWS, Lynchburg, Va.)

"I was in the war myself," said J. Smith Ferebee, a retired Richmond insurance executive who has been active in campaigns of Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr. "I damned near didn't get back, and I know some who didn't get back.

"I just cannot support a man who registered to be a conscientious objector to be my governor or lieutenant governor."

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